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(d) Conduct active liaison with appropriate civil authorities on problems or adverse conditions existing in the board's area of interest.

(e) Make recommendations to commanders in the board's area of jurisdiction concerning off-installation procedures to prevent or control undesirable conditions.

§ 631.10 Administration.

(a) Commanders are authorized to acquire, report, process, and store information concerning persons and organizations, whether or not affiliated with the Department of Defense (DOD) (AR 380-13), which:

(1) Adversely affects the health, morals, welfare, morale, or discipline of Armed Forces personnel regardless of status.

(2) Describes crime conducive conditions of which Armed Forces personnel may become victims.

(b) Information described in paragraph (a) of this section may be filed by organization; however, it will not be retrievable on the basis of individual personal identification data, e.g., SSN, name, or address. The information should be retained only as long as the described conditions or threat to the welfare of Armed Forces personnel continues to exist.

(c) Boards will function under the supervision of a president.

(d) Certain expenses incurred by Service members in the course of an official board investigation or inspection may be reimbursable. This would be done in accordance with appropriate Service finance regulations or instructions. These requests should be submitted to the sponsoring Service finance office and charged to the appropriate law enforcement account. (For the Army, this account is the T6 account.)

(e) Records of board proceedings will be maintained as prescribed by records management policies and procedures for the Service of the sponsoring commander.

§ 631.11 Off-limits establishments and areas.

(a) An *off-limits* area is defined as any vehicle, conveyance, place, structure, building, or area prohibited to military

personnel to use, ride, visit, or enter during the period in which it may be declared off-limits. As a matter of policy, the change in ownership, management, or name of any off-limits establishment does not, in and of itself, revoke the off-limits restriction.

(b) The establishment of off-limits areas is a function of command. It may be used by commanders to help maintain good discipline and an appropriate level of good health, morale, safety, morals, and welfare of Armed Forces personnel. Off-limits action is also used to preclude Armed Forces personnel from being exposed to crime conducive conditions or from becoming the victims of crimes. Where sufficient cause exists, commanders retain substantial discretion to declare establishments or areas temporarily off-limits to personnel or their respective command in emergency situations. Temporary off-limits restrictions issued by commanders in an emergency situation will be acted upon by the AFDCB on a priority basis.

(c) Armed Forces personnel are prohibited from entering establishments or areas declared off-limits in accordance with this regulation. Violations may subject the individual to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). As general policy, these establishments will not be visited by military law enforcement personnel unless circumstances warrant.

(d) Prior to initiating routine off-limits action, installation commanders will attempt to correct, through contact with local civilian leaders, any adverse condition or situation. If these actions are unsuccessful, commanders will submit reports, requesting off-limits action, to the AFDCB serving their area.

(e) The AFDCB, prior to recommending off-limits restriction, will send written notice of the alleged adverse condition or situation, by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the individual or firm responsible for the alleged condition or situation. In this notice, the AFDCB will offer a reasonable time to correct the condition or situation and provide the individual or a designated representative with the opportunity to

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present any relevant information to the board. (See sample letter at annex A to App B.) If subsequent investigation reveals a failure by the responsible person to take corrective action, the board should recommend the imposition of the off-limits restriction.

(f) A specified time limit will not be established when an off-limits restriction is invoked. The adequacy of the corrective action taken by the proprietor of the establishment will be the determining factor in removing an off-limits restriction.

(g) A person whose establishment or area has been declared off-limits may, at any time, petition the president of the board for removal of the off-limits restriction. The petition will be in writing. It should state, in detail, the action taken to eliminate the adverse conditions or situations that caused the imposition of the restriction. In response to the petition, the President of the AFDCB may cause a thorough investigation to be made of the status of these adverse conditions or situations. A report of the results of the investigation would be presented to the board. The board then will either recommend removal or continuation of the off-limits restriction to the local sponsoring commander.

(h) Off-limits procedures to be followed by the boards are in appendix B. In the United States, off-limits signs will not be posted on civilian establishments by US military authorities.

Subpart C—Off-Installation Military Enforcement Services

§ 631.12 Objectives.

The primary objectives of off-installation enforcement are to—

(a) Render assistance and information to Armed Forces personnel.

(b) Reduce the incidence of off-installation military offenses committed by Armed Forces personnel.

(c) Enforce the UCMJ and other pertinent regulations, directives, and orders among persons subject to the UCMJ.

(d) Maintain effective liaison and cooperation with civil law enforcement and judicial agencies.

(e) Enhance apprehension efforts and return to military control absentees

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and deserters wanted by the Armed Forces.

(f) Maintain good community relations.

(g) Assist in the return of military members detained by civil authorities to military control.

§ 631.13 Applicability.

This chapter applies to off-installation enforcement activities. It does not apply to the activities of AFDCBs which were discussed in subpart B. It is not applicable to the U.S. Navy.

§ 631.14 Responsibilities.

(a) Commanders of military installations will recognize the responsibility of civil authorities for the maintenance of peace and order in those areas not under military jurisdiction or control. They should—

(1) Conduct off-installation law enforcement in accordance with applicable Service policies and procedures.

(2) Coordinate the liaison functions to accomplish the objectives outlined in paragraph 3–1.

§ 631.15 Policy (for Army only).

(a) *Within CONUS.* (1) Normally, off-post patrols will not be established in CONUS. However, MACOM commanders may authorize military police to establish off-installation patrols if needed—

(i) In conjunction with military operations.

(ii) To safeguard the health and welfare of Army personnel.

(iii) When the type of offenses or the number of military personnel frequenting an area is large enough to warrant such patrols.

(2) In view of the important legal implications involved (see 18 U.S.C. 1385, the Posse Comitatus Act), the advice of the local Staff Judge Advocate should be sought prior to the implementation of such an authorization. When possible, MACOM commanders will execute a mutually acceptable written agreement with the civil police authorities.

(b) *OCONUS.* Off-post patrols will be kept at a minimum for mission accomplishment. Commanders of MACOMs may authorize off-post patrols as required by local conditions and customs